



as an organ donor,
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♦
and improve **50** more
as a tissue donor



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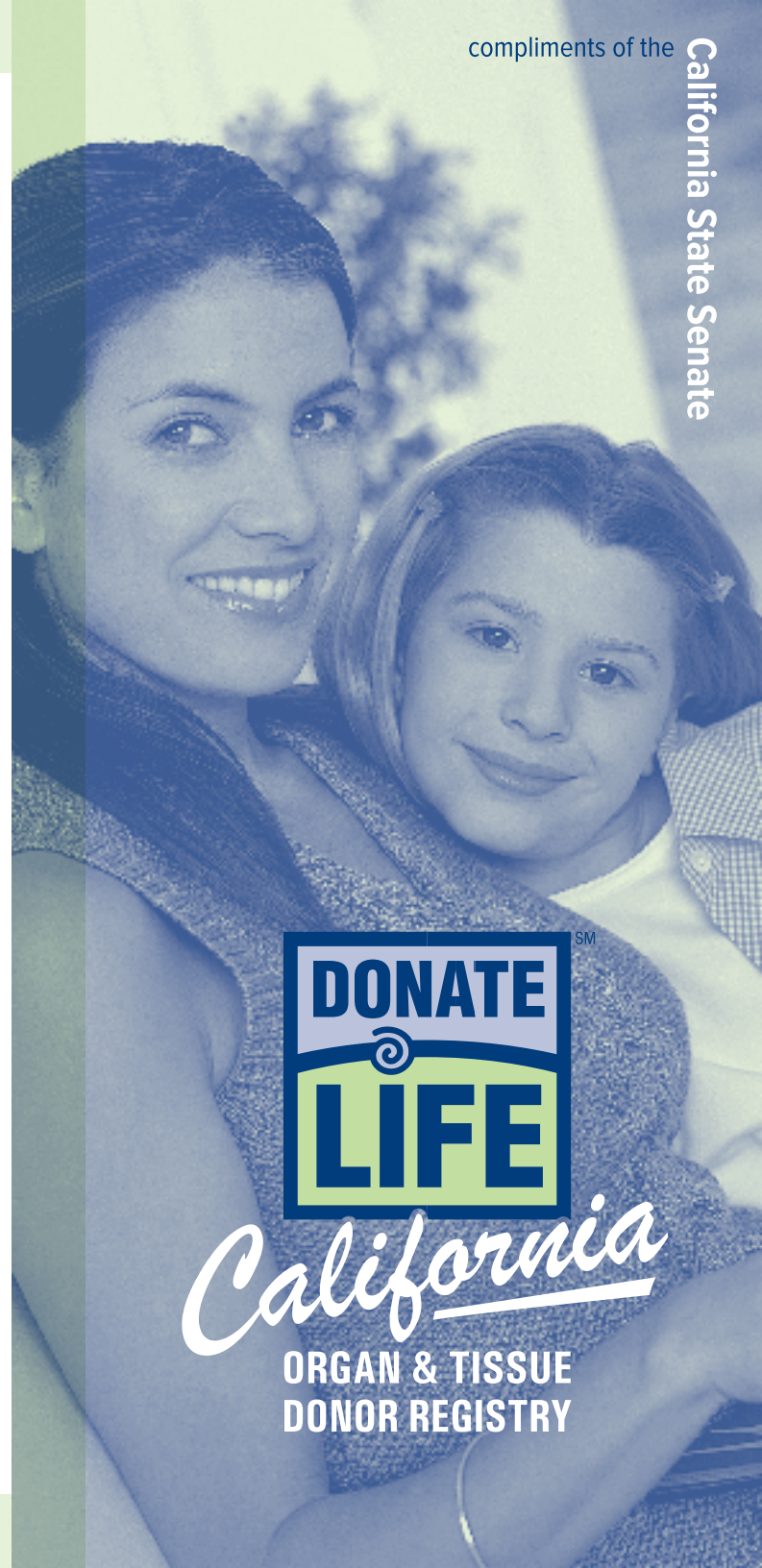
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California

ORGAN & TISSUE
DONOR REGISTRY

A new state law went into effect in 2006, improving the registration system for organ and tissue donation. The Legislature adopted Senate Bill 689, which requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to accept organ and tissue registry signups through driver license and identification card applications and renewals. Applicants can now register by checking **yes** at the organ and tissue donor option. Your registration is automatically transmitted to the state's donor registry, **Donate Life California**, a non-profit 501c3 organization, designated by the state's four organ procurement organizations (OPOs) as California's Organ and Tissue Donor Registrar.

Previously, the DMV asked potential donors to fill out a registration card and put a pink dot sticker on the driver license. But the card was often incomplete or could not be found, and the sticker, meant to indicate the person's wishes, did not have legal standing on its own and sometimes fell off.

AN ELECTRONIC IMPRINT WILL BE EMBEDDED IN YOUR DRIVER LICENSE OR ID CARD.

Your name will be electronically added to the Donate Life California registry, ensuring that your wish to save lives will be honored.

- Your decision to become an organ donor can save up to eight lives.
- You can enhance another 50 lives through tissue donation.
- Approximately 20,000 Californians (20% nationwide) are on the waiting list for a life-saving organ transplant.
- One out of three people will die due to a lack of life-saving donors.
- Less than 1% of the 250,000 people who die each year qualify as potential organ donors.
- Strict medical criteria must be met in order for organ donation to take place.
- Time for a successful transplant is extremely limited.
- The Donate Life California registry ensures individuals that their wish to give life will be honored. Registration acts as an advanced directive and doesn't require the consent of another person.
- About half of all responsible parties will not give consent to organ or tissue donation due primarily to their uncertainty over the wishes of the potential donor.
- Electronic signatures allow your registration to serve as a legally binding document.
- You specify what organs you wish to donate by signing up online at www.donateLIFecalifornia.org.
- People of all ages and medical histories can register to be potential donors.
- Donation costs you and your family nothing.



The organ and tissue donor registry, accessible to all Californians via the Internet and the Department of Motor Vehicles, will help to quickly, succinctly and accurately identify those Californians who have made the decision to save life.

More information on organ and tissue donation can be found by visiting any of the following websites:

- **Department of Motor Vehicles**
www.dmv.ca.gov
- **Donate Life California**
www.donateLIFecalifornia.org or
www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org
- **California Transplant Donor Network**
www.ctdn.org or call 888.570.9400
- **Golden State Donor Services**
www.gsds.org or call 916.567.1600
- **Lifesharing**
www.lifesharing.org or call 619.521.1983
- **One Legacy**
www.onelegacy.org